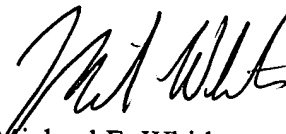


REMARKS

Claims 15, 17, 18, 30, 31, and 32 have amended for purposes of clarity. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Whitham".

Michael E. Whitham
Reg. No. 32,635

Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.
11491 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 340
Reston, VA 20190

Tel. (703) 787-9400
Fax. (703) 787-7557
Customer No: 30 743